

## **Amendments to the Claims**

### **Listing of the claims:**

1 1. (currently amended) A maneuverable topiary frame comprising:  
2 a) two or more separable members,  
3 b) one or more hinges, integrally a part of the frame, and connecting at least two  
4 adjoining separable members,  
5 c) one or more clips permanently affixed to a member; and  
6 d) an aperture at a bottom of the topiary frame formed by bottom edges of at least two  
7 of the separable members when in a closed position;  
8 wherein at least one of the hinges adjoining two of the members forms a main  
9 structure having an interior side and an exterior side;  
10 wherein the two or more separable members further comprise support pieces to  
11 support the frame and a smooth edged woven mesh filler woven over and about the support  
12 pieces filling a number of spaces between the support pieces; and  
13 wherein the one or more clips when released enable one or more of the two or more  
14 separable members to move upon a center axis and pivot or rotate along their one or more  
15 hinges such that the interior side of the main structure is completely exposed, and the  
16 aperture is parted open along the center axis upon the one or more hinges, allowing for the  
17 main structure and aperture to enclose around a growing or grown plant without lifting a base  
18 of the plant or the plant from its base, and when engaged secure the two or more separable  
19 members from moving, as a three-dimensional unitary form.

1 2. (canceled)

1 3. (canceled)

1 4. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 1, wherein said one  
2 or more hinges are provided by two lengths of wire interwoven along a common axis of two  
3 separate members.

1 5. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 1, wherein said one  
2 or more clips are selected from the group consisting of bent wires, hooks, clasps, latches, ties  
3 and locks.

1 6. (currently amended) The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 1[[3]], wherein the  
2 support pieces are constructed of a higher gauge wire than the filler constructed of a lower  
3 gauge wire.

1 7. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the three-dimensional unitary form comprises an animal form, having an upper and  
3 lower extremity set of members corresponding to arms or legs of a particular animal design  
4 for enclosing topiary foliage;  
5 the main structure corresponding to a torso region of the animal design; and each of  
6 the extremity members connecting to the torso region.

1 8. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 7,  
2 wherein  
3 the upper and lower extremity set of members correspond to objects in  
4 addition to arms or legs;  
5 the main structure corresponding to a middle region of the animal form; and each of  
6 the extremity members connecting to the middle region.

1 9. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 7, wherein  
2 the animal form is a bear design.

10. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 8, wherein the animal form is a seal design and the object is a ball shape.

11. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 1, wherein one or more clips are located opposite the hinge adjoining two members that forms the main structure.

12. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 1 wherein the support pieces are comprised of galvanized metal wires.

13. (withdrawn) A method for making a maneuverable topiary frame comprising the steps of:

- a) fashioning support pieces from one or more wires into a desired frame shape using minimal amount of soldering, the frame shape separated into at least two parts;
- b) weaving one or more long wires of thinner gauge than the wire of the support pieces, hereinafter thin wire, to produce a wire mesh filler to fill in a plurality of spaces between the wire of the support pieces, wherein little or no soldering is used to secure the thin wire to the support pieces, thereby minimizing potential safety hazards from sharp edges;
- c) weaving one or more thin wires to connect at least two of the separated parts of the frame shape, thereby forming one or more hinged connections of the separated parts, the hinged connections allowing for movement of the separated parts;
- d) attaching permanently one or more clips to the support pieces, opposite the hinged connection of the separated parts;

wherein the support pieces are formed to leave an opening at a bottom of the frame to allow for insertion of a foliage; and

wherein the clips when engaged secure the separated parts closed, and when released enable the separated parts to move open along the hinged connection, thereby facilitating insertion and manipulation of the foliage.

1 14. (withdrawn) The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to  
2 claim 13, wherein the desired shape of the support pieces is an animal design and the  
3 separable parts include lower and upper skeletal members of the animal design.

1 15. (withdrawn) The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to  
2 claim 13, wherein the wires are comprised of galvanized metal.

1 16. (withdrawn) The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to  
2 claim 13, further comprising the step of coating the wires with a rustproof substance.

1 17. (withdrawn) The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to  
2 claim 13, wherein the wire mesh filler resembles hexagonal wire and is further hand woven,  
3 not press molded, thereby minimizing rough edges.

1 18. (withdrawn) The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to  
2 claim 13, wherein the wire mesh filler is woven using a single long strand of wire.

1 19. (withdrawn) The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to  
2 claim 14, wherein the wire mesh filler is woven more densely in some of the lower and upper  
3 skeletal members than in other separable parts.

1 20. (withdrawn) A method for making a maneuverable topiary frame, comprising the  
2 steps of:

3 a) generating a computer layout of a desired topiary frame shape;

4 b) fashioning support pieces from one or more wires into the desired frame shape  
5 according to the layout, using minimal amount of soldering, the frame shape separated into at  
6 least two parts;

7 c) weaving one or more long wires of thinner gauge than the wire of the support  
8 pieces, hereinafter thin wire, to produce a wire mesh filler to fill in a plurality of spaces  
9 between the wire of the support pieces, wherein little or no soldering is used to secure the  
10 thin wire to the support pieces, thereby minimizing potential safety hazards from sharp  
11 edges;

12 d) weaving one or more thin wires to connect at least two of the  
13 separated parts of the frame shape, therein forming one or more hinged connections of the  
14 separated parts; the hinged connections allowing for movement of the separated parts;

15 e) attaching permanently one or more clips to the support pieces,  
16 opposite the hinged connection of the separated parts;

17 f) coating the topiary frame with a weatherproof or rustproof substance;  
18 wherein the clips when engaged secure the separated parts closed, and when released  
19 enable the separated parts to move open along the hinged connection to facilitate insertion  
20 and manipulation of a foliage.

1 21. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 1,  
2 wherein the center axis is located at a half way point of the main structure.

1 22. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 7,  
2 wherein the upper and lower extremity set of members are separable from the main structure  
3 and each of the set of members pivots about a hinge connecting each of the set of members  
4 to the main structure, each of the set of members further comprising a clip opposite to its  
5 hinge for releasing and securing each of the set of members to the main structure.

23. (previously presented) The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 22,  
wherein the upper and lower extremity set of members correspond to objects in  
addition to arms or legs;  
the main structure corresponding to a middle region of the animal form; and each of  
the extremity members connecting to the middle region.

24. (currently amended) A maneuverable topiary frame comprising:  
a) two or more separable members,  
b) one or more hinges, integrally a part of the frame, and connecting at least two  
adjoining separable members,  
c) one or more clips permanently affixed to a member, and  
d) an aperture at a bottom of the frame formed by bottom edges of at least two of the  
separable members when in a closed position;  
wherein at least one of the hinges adjoining two of the separable members forms a  
main structure having an interior side and an exterior side, the two members of the main  
structure being substantially symmetrical,  
wherein the two or more separable members further comprise support pieces to  
support the frame and a smooth edge woven mesh framework woven over and about the  
support pieces and in a number of spaces between the support pieces; and  
wherein the one or more clips when released enable the two symmetrical separable  
members of the main structure to move upon a center axis and pivot or rotate along their  
one or more hinges, such that the interior side of the main structure is completely exposed,  
the aperture is parted open, and the two symmetrical separable members of the main  
structure are sufficiently opened for positioning around a grown plant with ease in  
manipulation of the plant throughout all separable members, without lifting a base of the  
plant or lifting the plant from its base, and  
when engaged fastens the two separable members of the main structure together  
around the plant, in the closed position, and secure the two or more separable members  
from moving, as a three-dimensional unitary form.

1 25. (canceled)

1 26. (currently amended) The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 1 wherein  
2 the three-dimensional unitary form comprises an upper and lower extremity set of members  
3 which are separable from the main structure and each of the set of members pivots about a  
4 hinge connecting each of the set of members to the main structure, each of the set of  
5 members further comprising a clip opposite to its hinge for releasing and securing each of the  
6 set of members to the main structure, and wherein the smooth edged woven mesh filler is  
7 woven more densely in some portions of the members than in other portions of the members.

1 27. (previously presented) A method for shaping a grown plant into a topiary which  
2 comprises utilizing the maneuverable topiary frame of claim 1, rotating open the main  
3 structure and aperture along the center axis to envelop the plant without removing the plant  
4 from the ground or its base, manipulating branches and foliage of the plant through the  
5 members, closing the main structure around the plant, and engaging the one or more clips  
6 to secure the two or more separable members.

1 28. (previously presented) A method for shaping a grown plant into a topiary which  
2 comprises utilizing the maneuverable topiary frame of claim 24, rotating open the two  
3 symmetrical separable members of the main structure and aperture along the center axis to  
4 envelop the plant without removing the plant from the ground or its base, manipulating  
5 branches and foliage of the plant through the members, closing the main structure around  
6 the plant, and engaging the one or more clips to secure the two or more separable members,  
7 enabling a user to engage a clip with one hand while holding two separable members  
8 together with the other hand.